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BENITO MUSSOLINI pretends to detest those who write about him. So he says in the Preface of the most reliable volume yet written on his life. It was written by a Jewess, the wife of an Italian lawyer. She has been associated with his revolutionary movement almost from the beginning. Before he became the world famous Dictator of his country, she served on his newspaper in Milan. Her name is Margherita G. Sarfatti.

Mussolini says: "I detest those who take me as a subject for their writings and their discourses. No matter whether they speak well or ill of me—I detest them all equally." But he places his seal of approval upon Signora Sarfatti's biography: "In this book my life is to be found recorded—at least, such part of it as can be made known, for every man has secrets and shady nooks that are not to be explored."

We shall, therefore, quote from the Sarfatti volume when we want exact information regarding some important event or characteristic, of his life.

It is becoming increasingly evident that Mussolini occupies a large place in the ever unfolding drama of fulfilled prophecy. This is a fact concerning which prophetic students are aware. It requires keenness of intellect and prophetic intuition to keep pace with developments, so rapidly are powerful men and movements shifting the scenery on the stage of the world. Many mornings I have picked up the newspaper, only to read of a revolutionary event the day before, which had cast current history into the moulds of some important Bible prophecy.

Much of the future is in the hands of Mussolini. He, more than any other one individual, is shaping the destiny of the world.

"KING OF THE SOUTH"

In the early part of her book, Signora Sarfatti says that the World War produced two outstanding men in Europe. Although the cataclysm was of world wide proportions, it gave birth to only two distinctly new governmental systems.

She says: "At the extreme North of the Continent and at the extreme South two men had appeared upon the scene and had begun to dominate it. They differed from each other like cold and heat, like the desolation of the steppes and the beneficence of the Italian sun, like the swelling cupolas of the Kremlin and the classic columns of the Forum: *Lenin the Asiatic and Mussolini the European*: the one come to demolish, the other to reconstruct. And yet, different as they were, the two were working, perhaps without realizing it, to the same end."

In other words, the War evolved two colossal systems, Communism and Fascism. This is an exact prophetic development. The prophecies of Ezekiel and Daniel make it clear that two rulers will stand above the herd of humanity in the end-time of the present age. One is described as coming out of Northern Europe and the other from Southern Europe. Ezekiel speaks of the "King of the North" and Daniel tells about the "King of the South".

Take a map of Europe. Select the Northern and Southern points. Your eyes will rest upon Russia and Italy.

Ezekiel's description is such as to imply the fierceness and atheistic character of *Communism. Daniel in turn uses language which emphasizes the tenacious driving force of Fascism.

Daniel makes eight specific references to the "King of the South". He says: "And the king of the south shall be strong". *I submit that there is a strong possibility that Mussolini may be the predicted Southern personage.*

*For a detailed study of Communism in the light of prophecy, see the Author's book *"The United States and Russia in Prophecy"*, Defender Publisher, Wichita, Kansas. Price 25 cents.

Eventually two leagues of nations will be formed. One will embrace the East under the leadership of the Northern Monarch, who is also called *Gog*. The other will take in the Western world under the direction of the Southern Dictator, known to students of Bible prophecy as the *Antichrist*.

The coming great war will be fought between these two opposing forces. Daniel 11:11: "And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand." Daniel 11:40: "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."

A third world movement will also emerge from the chaos. This will be a Jewish development. True to prophecy, Israel is being energized with a new nationalistic consciousness. The return of the Jews to Palestine, which we are now witnessing, is an unmistakable "sign of the times".

The closing scenes of the age will witness a triangular development. The three points of the triangle will be: (*1*) Northern Europe, (*2*) Southern Europe, and (*3*) Palestine. North will meet south and their armies will clash on the soil of the Holy Land. Out of this skirmish the Beast dictatorship will be set up which will be world-wide. Then there will be a last struggle between Christ and Antichrist called, *Armageddon*. The Marquis of Hartington said recently: "If another great war breaks out Palestine will be the cockpit. It was only by chance that it was not the cockpit of this last war."

A Major in the British army, writing from the English viewpoint, declares that Italy expects to attack Egypt, and that Russia is preparing for a conquest of the Holy Land. He says: "Can we be so sure that when the time comes, the Italian menace to Egypt may not then have developed to a degree unthought of today? In spite of Mussolini's words about two years ago, he will not show

his hand and no clue will be given us as to the attack on Egypt, till matters are further advanced. . . . It is no secret that Italy's dream is Egypt and the north coast of Africa, and it is my opinion that Italy will strike against Egypt simultaneously with Russia in Palestine."

The Major also says: "The issue ahead is no less than this, that in spite of the League of Nations and all the Parliaments in the world, Russia will, when ready, together with the nations under her domination, attack the British Empire, at the junction of the two continents of Africa and Asia, with her goal not only the sea route to the East, but with the intention of permanent possession of the land area of Palestine, Trans-Jordania, Irak and Libya."

NIETZSCHE

It is impossible to understand Fascism without studying Mussolini. He is Fascism. The history of Mussolini is the history of Fascism. The great conception was born in his soul after he had mastered the philosophies of Machiavelli, Nietzsche, Marx, Sorel, Spinoza, Kant, Hegel, Fichte and Schopenhauer. The first two played the more important part in moulding his thinking.

Being particularly fond of Nietzscheism, he once wrote an elaborate essay on the subject, in which he said: "But whether a creator of philosophical systems or not, Nietzsche is assuredly the mind most marked by genius of the last quarter of a century." Signora Sarfatti speaks of "his beloved Nietzsche".

"*The Will to Power*" was a subject on which Nietzsche wrote. He called man "*the blonde beast*". He said: "Nothing exists; all is permitted. To see men suffer is good, to make them suffer is better." It will be recalled that Clarence Darrow blamed this teaching for the fiendish crime committed by those two young Jewish students of the University of Chicago, Loeb and Leopold.

Nietzsche's philosophy is godless naturalism. It purports to rule God out of the universe. It is now taught in colleges and universities throughout the world. It is the doctrine of the Superman. Nietzsche was the

off-spring of Darwinism. Evolution made him what he was. He carried Darwin's theory of "the survival of the fittest" to its logical end. The Darwinian delusion says that evolution operates by the stronger crushing out the weaker. If life is a struggle for existence in which those who fight best survive, then strength is the most desirable of all virtues, and weakness is the only fault. Good is that which endures; bad is that which fails. Weakness is man's only sin and sin to Nietzsche means something entirely different than it means to the theologian. Nietzsche developed a hatred for Christianity because it advocates meekness, gentleness, humility and altruism.

Nietzsche advocated war as the only means of progress and called democracy "a refuge for weaklings." He found Europe getting "rotten with democratic ideals" and he prevailed upon the nations to repudiate such nonsense and develop an iron consciousness of militarism. He praised war, eulogized violence, encouraged acts of hate, advocated jungle morality and succeeded in putting his teachings into all the schools of Europe whereby he laid the foundation for the World War. He combined Darwin and Bismarck. Darwin furnished the philosophy and Bismarck supplied the steel.

Nietzsche himself was a complex. His father was a minister. He came from a long line of preachers. His teachings are those of a preacher gone mad, trying to be bad. He hated Christianity because he found so much of it in himself. My, how he wanted to be a sinner! When a lad, he could not bear to see boys rob birds' nests. His boyhood friends called him "the little minister."

At the age of 18 he lost his faith, but a soul like his, had to have a God. So he made one—the Superman! He spent his life clothing his Superman deity with ideals. He became sarcastic, bitter, morbid and cynical, like the man "who had staked all on a single throw of dice, and had lost." Having been beaten in the game of religion, distorted in his thinking by evolution, he set out to try to be a sinner. He never quite succeeded to his own satisfaction. He tried to go wild over wine and women,

out he failed. He tried to be a soldier, but he failed due to a physical ailment.

Mussolini mastered the hallucinations of Nietzsche. And we see the insane teachings, thus imbibed, permeating everything that Fascism has accomplished.

Dr. Herman Finer says in his recent book *Mussolini's Italy*: "Fascism has all of Mussolini's strength, and weakness; and the most perturbing aspect of his strength is that, while he is great, the Italians must continue to be small. His will and legal authority pervade the whole corps of the bureaucracy and the highly centralized system of local government. Nobody dares to discuss his decisions. 'To believe, to obey, to fight' —That is the motto promulgated by the Duce, and written up everywhere as a sign.

"Mussolini towers above all who surround him; he is the commanding peak above all the institutions he has created or adopted. Without the rather miraculous personal allegiance to him, the system would break into the ill-assorted pieces out of which it was originally constructed. He is the head and center of all things in Italy today.

"Mussolini may lack many things, but it would be unfair to say he lacks self-confidence."

The perverted ideals of Nietzsche are not merely academic with Mussolini. They represent his real conception of life. To him, the human race is an inferior herd, upon whom he is destined to impress his will. His egoism knows no bounds.

When philosophers become rulers, the rank and file of people have cause to become frightened.

If Nietzsche were alive today, he would see that his dream of the Superman has taken form in the person of a modern Caesar.

Mr. Will Durant describes the closing years of Nietzsche's life as follows:

"They took him at first to an asylum, but soon his old mother came to claim him and take him under her

own forgiving care. What a picture! — the pious woman who had borne sensitively but patiently the shock of her son's apostasy from all that she held dear, and who, loving him none the less, received him now into her arms. She died in 1897, and Nietzsche was taken by his sister to live in Weimar.

"There a statue of him was made by Kramer— helpless, and resigned. Yet he was not all unhappy; the peace and quiet which he had never had when sane were his now; Nature had had mercy on him when she made him mad. He caught his sister once weeping as she looked at him, and he could not understand her tears: 'Lisbeth', he asked, 'why do you cry? Are we not happy?' On one occasion he heard talk of books; his pale face lit up: 'Ah!' he said, brightening, 'I too have written some good books'—and the placid moment passed.

"He died in 1900. Seldom has a man paid so great a price for Genius."

It is impossible to understand the mental processes of Mussolini without understanding the teachings of Friedrich Nietzsche.

But, whereas Nietzsche lived in poverty, doing most of his writing in a gloomy attic, Mussolini has power.

And, considering his determined effort to hurl the world into the inferno of another war, one may well ask —Is Mussolini's mind going like that of his mentor?

THE WANDERING RADICAL

Mussolini was born July 29, 1883. His father was a blacksmith. His mother was a school teacher. He says: "In my fifteenth year I began to learn how to read and soon I read quite well. Of my grandfather I retain only a vague, fleeting impression. My grandmother I loved. After I had reached sixteen, I went to school from six o'clock until nine, first to my mother's, then to school of Siliro Maroni, at Predappio. I was a restless and pugnacious boy. More than once I came back home with my head bleeding from a blow with a stone. But I knew how to defend myself."

As a young man, his radicalism got him into all kinds of trouble. He was forced to serve several prison sentences. For a time he was driven into exile. While expelled from Italy he wandered through Switzerland, Austria and France. He lived in houses of ill-fame, and worked as country school teacher, butcher, porter in a saloon, stone mason, and translator. During this period he was known both as a dangerous radical and an atheist. His biographer says that today he is "no great lover of the clericals"

In Switzerland he attended a university. The Swiss schools were filled with radical students in those days. Many of them young Russians who later became Communist leaders. These were Mussolini's friends. There was one in particular who left a lasting impression upon his life. He met her in Zurich.

She was a small Russian hunch-back by the name of Angelica Balabanoff. She was a strange, hysterical creature, with a flashy mind who worshipped at the shrine of Karl Marx. Ugly as she was, she was extraordinarily intelligent. Together, she and Mussolini, labored in newspaper work for a time. Forsaking Mussolini, she later joined forces with Lenin and Trotzky, went to Russia, and became a person of great prominence.

The illicit contact which the Italian Superman has with demonic forces, through Spiritualism, is well known and widely discussed.

Evangeline Adams, the most noted American astrologer and Spiritualist medium says: "Mussolini resembles Napoleon astonishingly. He never makes any decision without first consulting an astrologer."

This reminds one of Nebuchadnezzar of old, concerning whom it is said: "Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king."

And Daniel's reference to the coming Antichrist: "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers . But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces."

There can be little question, in the light of unfolding events, but what the Antichrist is in the flesh at the present time. Mussolini may be the man! Certainly he is the best living candidate for the office.

As he approached the age of thirty he began to show the destructive traits of character which are now familiar to the world.

In those days, a prominent Italian newspaper sized him up as follows: "Vulgar; indecent; livid; nauseating; insensate; a vagabond in the pay of Jewish societies; pretentious; conscienceless; paranoic; and exalted who madly abandoned himself to the obscene dance of provocations; in the pay of the police; a stupid figure; a ferocious madman; a self-styled Socialist; a rancorous inciter: an unscrupulous liar; a most vile and delinquent sower of hatred; a trickster; a hackwriter hardly worth the contempt of gentlemen; a maniac; a criminally lunatic liar; an imbecile; a cretin; and, to boot, a disgusting reptile."

The above reference to "Jewish societies" probably refers to the fact that powerful Jews have always been his financial backers, as in the recent circumstanees in which it is reported, on best authority, that the House of Rothschild financed his Ethiopian massacre.

Never shunning combat, Mussolini has always taken vituperation and opposition calmly; and without exception, has succeeded in leveling his adversaries to the ground.

FASCISM

Mussolini became a leader in the ranks of Italian Socialism. For a few years he edited Socialistic newspapers. Then came the War that remade the man. Let us turn to his own autobiography for a few succinct statements: "The difficulties of life have hardened my spirit." "The war moulded me." Referring to his war days: "I underwent practically all my operations without the aid of an anaesthetic. I had twenty-seven operations in one month; all except two were without anaesthetics." "Wilson was the distiller or supporter of theoretical for-

mulas." *"It is destiny that Rome again takes her place as the city that will be the director of the civilization of all western Europe."*

Not until the night of October 27, 1922 did he come into power. He says: "I was acclaimed as a conqueror and a saviour. I had mobilized three hundred thousand Black Shirts. They were waiting for my signal to move. I had in the Capital sixty thousand armed men ready for action." After conquering Italy, the King sent him a telegram requesting his presence in Rome. He came from Milan and took over the reins of government.

Originally Mussolini claimed that Fascism was a system adapted only to the peculiar needs of Italy. But later he publicly and officially declared that its mission was world wide. He invited all of the dictatorships, particularly those bearing the name of Fascism, to come under his wing.

On October 27, 1930 he said: "Today I affirm that Fascism as an idea, a doctrine, and realization, is universal: Italian in its particular institutions, it is universal in its spirit . . . . One can therefore foresee a Fascist Europe, a Europe which is inspired by Fascist institutions, the doctrines and the practice of Fascism."

And on October 25, 1932: "In ten years Europe will be Fascist or Fascistized."

Nietzsche taught that it was virtue to force your will upon men, as upon "wax". This, Mussolini proceeded to do, as soon as he came into power. There is no way of knowing the extent and nature of the secret crimes of his Black Shirts.

When announcements were made at the turn of the year 1930, that the G. P. Putnam's Sons Publishers, of New York and London, were publishing a book by the nephew of former Prime Minister Nitti, whose name is also Nitti, Fascists everywhere went wild with rage. George Palmer Putnam was in London at the time, and according to press reports, he received many violent threats.

One such letter from Paris is quoted as follows:

"We have read newspapers here that you will publish the work of Francesco Nitti. But this must not be done. Fascism will not tolerate such an offense. We and our New York correspondents will know what to do. All the wretched police in New York will not be able to prevent your establishment from being blown into the air with two bombs. We have already warned Fascists in New York. For your own safety and security, you must not publish Nitti's book. We know how to gain our object."

Putnam refused to be bluffed and the book by Nitti, which is one of the most daring exposure of the crimes of the European Dictator ever written, appeared on scheduled time. The title of the book is *Escape*. The inner workings of Mussolini's machine are thrown open to the public gaze. Nitti says he "went through hell." The book is full of names, dates, places and crimes which cannot be refuted.

Nephew Nitti was one of hundreds of prominent Italians who were judged guilty of "political crimes" and banished to the lonely, rocky, desolate, miserable islands, off the coast of Sicily, to live like dogs and suffer unspeakable horrors at the hands of soldiers and guards, whom Nitti describes as "madmen." Such prisoners were never given legal trials. The press calls the islands, "Devil's Islands" and Nitti refers to them as "these islands of the damned." Mystery has always clouded the public mind as to what actually takes place in those barren regions, but anyone may now know the facts.

Literally hundreds of Italy's most prominent lawyers, statesmen, editors, educators, soldiers and leaders of industry, have been sentenced to live wretched lives in these "island prisons" for having committed no crime except to disagree with the Dictator. Nitti and his two fellow-prisoners are said to be the only people who have ever escaped alive. The world will never know how many times the filthy and obscene "castor-oil-treatment" has been administered to persons refusing to submit to Mussolini. This unspeakable method of persecution results in the life-long destruction of health and even immediate death.

REVIVAL OF ROME

Back in the year 1866, Rev. Michael Baxter, a noted English student of prophecy, published a map of Europe showing the territory covered by ancient Rome. Basing his prognostications upon the book of Daniel, he announced that this area would be revived and built into a league of ten nations about the year 1927.

The Antichrist was to be responsible for this remarkable feat, according to Baxter. While he missed the date, yet even prior to 1927, Mussolini had arisen and was boasting that some day Fascism would do this very thing.

Daniel looked down the vista of the centuries and drew a sketch of the general conditions which would exist among the Gentile nations between Babylon and the Second Coming of Christ. He placed particular descriptive emphasis upon the powerful Dictator of Southern Europe. Daniel made it clear that this man would finally reach the condition where his entire personality would be energized, by demon intelligences.

You recall the story: Nebuchadnezzar was king of Babylon. He was also president of the *University of Babylon.* One night he had a dream. He could not bring it back to his conscious mind the next day. The teachers on his faculty were brought before him. He told how the dream had left a vivid impression but had escaped. He knew that it had a deep meaning.

Said the king: "The thing is gone from me; if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut to pieces." Then the magicians, astrologers and sorcerers explained that they could not tell him what he had dreamed, but if he would tell them what he dreamed they would give a faithful interpretation.

In rage Nebuchadnezzar issued a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be put to death. Daniel was in prison. He came before the king with the declaration: "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets"

Then Daniel related how the king had seen a great and terrible Image of a man. It had:

A HEAD OF GOLD,
A BREAST OF SILVER,
THIGHS OF BRASS,
LEGS OF IRON, AND
FEET OF IRON AND CLAY.

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. . The stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

Nebuchadnezzar was dumbfounded at the intelligence of the prophet. When he inquired concerning the meaning, Daniel replied that the Image represented the five world empires which would appear, one by one, beginning with Babylon. "Thou O king art the head of gold." Four of these empires have come and gone. They were

BABYLON	(*Head*)
MEDO-PERSIAN	(*Breast*)
GRECIA	(*Thighs*)
ROME	(*Legs*)

The world entered the legs of the Image with the rise and conquest of ancient Rome. History has brought us down through the Image, to the time when we are now entering the feet of iron and clay.

Daniel makes it clear that all of the Roman Empire including Central Europe, England, Northern Africa and Asia-Minor, will be revived and brought under the control of one system of dictatorial government. There were ten toes in the feet of the Image. This is taken to indicate that old Rome will be finally divided into ten king-

doms, over which dictators will preside, with the "King of the South" in the position of ruling all the others. There will *not* be harmony in the kingdoms because "iron mixed with miry clay. . . . will not cleave one to another."

Then Jesus Christ, the Stone cut out, not with hands, will return to the earth, and during the Millennium His Kingdom, like a mountain will fill the whole earth. The feet will then be broken in pieces, and says Daniel: "In the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

Nebuchadnezzar answered Daniel: "Of a truth, your God is a God of gods, and Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets."

At the dawn of the third century B. C. the Romans were in control of the territory known today as Italy.

The Carthagians, with their capital across the Mediterranean in Carthage, were the masters of northern Africa.

Sicily belonged to Carthage at that time. In the year 241 B. C. the Romans subdued this Island and began their great, crushing program of expansion which was to result eventually in acquiring world dominion. A far-seeing Greek orator asked at the time: "Think you that Carthage or that Rome will be content after the victory, with its own country and Sicily?"

Following the loss of Sicily, the Carthagians extended their dominions into Spain and launched an attack against Rome from the north. This attempt proved futile and Spain was soon annexed as a Roman province. Thus, the borders of the entire western Mediterranean came under the supremacy of Rome.

Carthage was razed to the ground a short time later, and all of northern Africa was brought under Roman jurisdiction.

Then the Empire began to push eastward. The Grecian kingdom fell with a crash under the driving attacks of Rome's iron legions. The eastern borders of the

Mediterranean, as far north as Macedonia and down into Asia Minor, all became Roman possessions.

By this time, the Mediterranean Sea had become a Roman lake.

Greatly to the distress of England, Mussolini is today claiming this body of water as "Our Sea"

Because England's possessions are secure only to the degree that she dominates the Mediterranean, she has for years guarded Gibraltar at one end and the Suez Canal at the other. Mussolini's opposition to English control has become pronounced, and his military and naval preparations have taken such alarming proportions, that as these words are being written, we find Great Britain pouring vessels, air machines, men and submarines into the Sea. The two countries are lining up for a conflict which is generally regarded as being inevitable.

For years Mussolini has been aiming at control of "his Sea" and now that he has thrown down the gauntlet, it may be that he has prepared some surprises for his enemy. England could very easily go down in defeat.

In describing the rise of the Antichrist, John says: "I saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns."

The word "sea" in this passage has always been taken to mean the masses of roaring, surging humanity, the turmoil of the nations. This interpretation may be correct, but it is possible that the "sea" which John saw, may have been one of actual, literal water — the blue waters of the Mediterranean.

A naval victory over Great Britain in the impending conflict, would easily make Mussolini the dominant figure of Europe and put him well on the way toward his ultimate goal of world dominion—rising "up out of the (Mediterranean) sea."

Egypt, the Country so often mentioned in the Old Testament, went down under the assaults of the Romans

in the second century B. C. Syria and Palestine experienced the same fate.

The year 63 B. C. witnessed the taking of Jerusalem and the holy temple by the armies of Rome.

During this time, the Empire had also been extending its borders toward the north and west, reaching into what is now Switzerland, France, Belgium and England.

In the year 27 B. C. the Republican form of government collapsed and the entire Empire fell into the hands of one man—Caesar Augustus. Luke 2:1, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."

It is interesting to notice that when Christ was born in Bethlehem, Rome paused for a few years in her attacks, and settled down for a short breathing spell of peace, as if charmed by the majestic presence of the Prince of Peace.

In their many exploits, the Romans became famous for their cold, ruthless way of dealing with the countries which they conquered. Millions of human beings were changed into slaves. Massacre followed massacre. Taxes too heavy for mortals to bear were imposed upon all classes and types of people. Slave-hunting and slave-dealing became a leading profession. It was not an unusual thing to see a thousand slaves chained together, walking along a Roman highway.

Daniel's prophetic picture of Rome crushing its foes was that of a great and terrible beast, with iron teeth, which "devoured and broke in pieces"

Such was the strength of ancient Rome that it has continued to exist, as an intangible but active force, during these intervening centuries since its physical structure was destroyed.

The Germanic tribes, which came into existence after the Empire crumbled, introduced no radical changes in the provincial and municipal forms of government of their predecessors. Nor were the Roman legal practices revised to any very great degree.

Moreover, the principle of imperialism established by the Romans, has continued to exist among the countries of Europe, as kingdom after kingdom has come and gone. The Roman Senate also endured for several hundred years; as late as the year 800 A. D. we find it selecting King Charlemagne as sovereign.

Even down until the World War, the Holy Roman Empire survived as a political and religious force, with its seat of government in Austria-Hungary.

In other words, the legs of Nebuchadnezzar's image have stretched through the centuries, down to modern times. Therefore, the coming confederacy of ten European states will not be the creation of a new empire; it will be, as prophecy indicates, the revival of an old one.

It should be noted that the metal image had two legs of iron.

This refers to the dividing of old Rome into two sections—the Eastern and Western divisions. The split came in the year 364 A. D. when Valentinian was emperor.

The Western headquarters remained in the city of Rome and the seat of the Eastern government was set up in Constantinople.

But when the Empire is revived, during the closing period of this age, it will be further divided into ten parts, corresponding to the ten toes on the feet of the image.

Some Bible teachers have made futile efforts to show that the Germanic tribes which conquered Western Rome, fulfilled the prophecy of the ten divisions at that time. To try to group the tribes so as to make ten out of them is not impossible, for the reasons that there were a total of eighteen all together.

At no time were there exactly ten divisions among the Germanic tribes; there were eighteen.

Moreover, the tribes were not destroyed by the return of Christ, as is predicted to be the case with the ten in both Daniel and Revelation.

No, the ten "kings", to be ruled by Antichrist are not past—they are future!

The Western Empire was conquered in the year 476. The Eastern division was not overthrown by the Mohammedans until 1453.

We have seen that when the Empire was at its zenith it completely surrounded the Mediterranean Sea. It stretched as far north as England but did not include Ireland and Scotland.

Spain, France, and central Europe to the Rhine and Danube rivers, were within its boundaries. It embraced the territory known as modern Czechoslovakia, all the Balkan countries and Greece, Asia-Minor, Palestine, Syria and the entire rim of northern Africa including Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Morocco.

While actual Roman citizens did not populate the entire earth, yet the whole world was potentially under the dominance of the Romans. The civilized nations, existing at that time, were actually controlled by the Roman government. These are important facts to keep in mind as we consider the prophecies that relate to the revival of the Empire.

It appears to me that any forecast of the exact dimensions of revived Rome must of necessity be more or less conjectural, except to say that it will be the most powerful political, economic and religious force in the world.

Its exact geographical proportions remain to be worked out. But of this we may be certain—the map of Europe is soon to be rewritten.

It is to be questioned if the area of the ten toes will conform exactly to the geographical outline of ancient Rome. The identity of the resuscitated Empire transcends the importance of its geographical boundaries. The life and spirit of the fourth beast, rather than its physical appearance, reveals the true character of this political montrosity of the age-end.

I do not wish to say that the exact geographical outline of old Rome will not be carved out of modern Europe and Africa. This may take place. But it is my present understanding that such is not an absolute prophetic necessity.

Since Rome was an evolution out of the three Gentile powers that preceded it, there is a possibility that the revived Empire could be expected to embrace the territory ruled by Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece.

There is a suggestion of this in the fact that the Beast of the end-time which comes "out of the sea", according to Revelation 13:2, possesses the features of the beasts of Daniel which represented Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece—the lion, leopard and bear.

And it must not be overlooked that before Armageddon becomes history, the authority of the Antichrist will be world-wide. "And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations."

But certainly the "ten kings" will at no time rule over less territory than that covered by Rome at the time of Christ.

REVIVAL OF PALESTINE

There are presistent rumors to the effect that Mussolini hopes, in the near future, to take over the mandate of Palestine.

England assumed responsibility for Palestine after the War. It was Dr. Chaim Weismann, a Russian Jewish chemist who had been living in Great Britain about a quarter of a century, that made the demands for an English mandate.

During the War, the English had imperative need for a certain kind of mineral to be used in making high explosives. At the crisis moment, Dr. Weismann came forward with the announcement that he had discovered a chemical secret that would solve the problem. He offered his discovery to the government. When asked his price, he answered that he wanted a promise, not money.

He said that if England would do her utmost to

"I SAW THE BEAST RISE OUT OF THE SEA"

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free Palestine from the Turk and secure it for a Jewish homeland, he would allow the government to appropriate his discovery. Britain readily agreed. When the War ended, during which Palestine was freed from the oppressor, Dr. Weismann maneuvered things so that the Jewish homeland came under English control.

From that hour, it has been the concensus of opinion among the nations, that Palestine should be turned over to Israel. The processes of restoration have moved slowly but surely until the present time.

The prophecies indicate that a "King of the Jews" will be selected from their own number as a temporal ruler when Palestine officially becomes their property. This man is designated as the *False Prophet.* He is the second "beast" of Revelation 11:36-45.

Ezekiel prophesies that the "King of the North" will come lumbering down out of Russia against Palestine. The "King of the Jews" will be forced to turn to the "King of the South" for help. Then, the horrible, fatal "covenant" will be negotiated between the Jews and the European Superman, which Isaiah called "A covenant with death." From that time on, it will be *great tribulation* for the entire world until the return of Christ. When the nations will have exhausted themselves in the struggle between East and West, the demon-energized war lord known as Antichrist, will assume world-wide control.

Prior to the executing of the "covenant," a *World Bank will have been set up in Central Europe, under the control of powerful Jewish wizards of international finance, from which the money systems of the Western world will be controled. The dictatorship will be so rigid and powerful that any one wishing to "buy or sell" will be compelled to take the *Mark of the Beast.*

Apostate Jewish leaders will foist him upon Israel and the world as the Messiah.

Is Mussolini friendly to the Jews? Let us see!

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MACHIAVELLI

In the year 1924, the University of Bologna offered Mussolini an honorary doctor's degree. He insisted that he should earn it. He refused to accept it as a gift. About the same time, the Black Legions of Imola presented him with a sword. On it these words were engraved: *Cum le parole non si mantengono li Stati*—"Not by words are States maintained."

This axiom was taken from the writings of the Italian philosopher Machiavelli. This event supplied the needed inspiration for the subject of a thesis on which his degree should be granted. The circumstance gives us a penetrating look into his soul. It shows of what kind of stuff his political philosophy is made. It may reveal to what extent, if any, he is already a conscious instrument for the promotion of Jewish interests. According to prophecy, a **league* will be formed between Jerusalem and Rome. The Dictator may have made a confession, as well as a thesis.

But who was Machiavelli?

Niccolo Machiavelli was an Italian statesman, writer and philosopher. He was born in 1469. He held prominent positions in the government. This gave him a schooling in the subtleties of Italian diplomacy. His principles were later reduced to writing. He drank at the fountain of the Latin and Italian classics. He nourished his imagination on the masterpieces of the Romans.

Such, in brief, is the background of the genius who had such an influence upon Mussolini.

In 1502 Machiavelli was given the important post of duty of special envoy to the camp of Italy's ruler, Cesare Borgia. If he had anything to do with the plot which resulted in Cesare's assassination, it is not recorded. But soon after the tragedy, Machiavelli remade Italy's army and placed the murderer of the ruler in charge. This appointment illustrates the radical infirmity of the man's mind. He was insensible to ethical and moral considerations. Yet, he is the greatest political scientist of Italian history.

*The Prophet uses the word *league*, Daniel 11:23.

He wrote many books, poems, letters and essays. The one famous document that he left was *Il Principe—"The Prince."* It is an analysis of methods whereby man may rise to sovereign power. We will see presently that Mussolini mastered this book.

When Machiavelli wrote, he visualized Italy's condition as being so serious that only a despot could pull it out of the slough. He regarded his task partly as pioneering a new trail for the moulding of his nation. And partly for overturning the governments of the world by introducing revolutionary political ideas. That he succeeded in turning the currents of history, is a matter of record.

State and Church had always been taken for granted in Italy. They served the holy purpose of governing the masses. So sacred were the systems that they were generally regarded as having been divinely ordained. These were the conditions when Machiavelli appeared on the scenes. He wielded a sword which in modern parlance would be called, *the doctrine of Liberalism.* Machiavelli was a political Liberalist.

To him, nothing was too sacred in Church or State, Constitutions or Governments, Customs or Society, to be torn to pieces. To the dissecting knife of Liberalism, there is no final authority, whether it be in the realms of morals, religion or government. *The Prince* placed dynamite at the foundations of the nations. Leaders who made it a study became obsessed with the delusion that everything should be thrown into the melting-pot.

Machiavelli was determined that all previous strongholds should be abandoned. The best political authorities say that his ideas "Founded the science of politics for the modern world." His *Prince* became the pivot on which the gates of anarchy and Liberalism were destined to swing.

He utterly neglected religion in compounding his philosophy. No God, no morality! He was an enemy of moral codes. His theories, when carried out, tended to throw off all restraint. *The Prince* is antogonistic toward ideals and customs which have to do with national purity.

In none of his plays or dramas was there ever a premium placed upon virtue. His dramatic productions would compare favorably with the average product of the modern, Jewish controlled stage and motion picture industry. Both are designed to debauch morality. The tendency is to create a perpetual appetite for lust and crime.

Take for instance his comedy, *Mandragola,* which is a humorous satire on the old life of Florence. It is a filthy portrayal of baseness and roguery. A degenerate husband brings his wife down to unspeakable shame. Machiavelli never permitted an opportunity to go by, where he might administer a blow against the sanctity of marriage.

True, he lived in a wicked period, but his vicious writings can not be wholly charged to the habits of the times. Other men of the same epoch wrote on a much higher plane.

Machiavelli sought to fire the passions of the masses. He did not shrink from promoting class hatreds. He was glad to turn the people against their leaders. He gave license to revolutions by physical violence. He would make a good Communist today. His views when carried out would lift every man's hand against his neighbor. The nations have gradually lost their moorings and drifted with Machiavelli's tide. Disrespect for leadership has been the result.

It makes one suspicious that after all there may be a secret organization of powerful minds behind the chaos of the world, as has been so often charged. Machiavelli's influence shows that it was possible for him to have been the fifteenth century spokesman for such a group of conspirators. Whether or not he was associated with an international plot, his doctrines have taken root.

There is an interesting book in the British Museum entitled *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* which purports to unmask just such a conspiracy. Its

exhibit number and classification in the Museum is reported to be No. 3926,d 17. It claims to be a series of two dozen lectures delivered by the spokesman of a secret society of Jewish financial monarchs a short time prior to the year 1905.

The twenty-four documents are supposed to set forth the history, aims and program of a world wide organization which has existed as a self-propagating body since the days of Solomon. The avowed purpose of the organization is to bring the world under Jewish control by promoting economic wars and revolutions, until all governments are torn down. When the nations have exhausted themselves by internal struggles, the secret group will be ready to step out from behind the scenes and set up its own super-government. They will unveil a dictator despot, a colossal Superman, under whose control the wealth of the world will be placed. This man will be their Messiah. He will stand at the helm of a world system of government. The Jews will then take, what they have always believed to be their rightful position, rulership of the world. These are some things that *"The Protocols"* set forth.

The theory of *The Protocols* is, that the nations will have to exhaust themselves in convulsions, before they can be made ready for such a plan. It is regarded as being in the divine will for the alleged secret group to carry the program through to completion. The spokesman is quoted as saying that the work of the organization was about finished. The time was regarded as being near at hand for them to finish the task of the centuries.

Whether or not *The Protocols* are true, students of prophecy know that exactly such a program will evolve in the end-time of this age.

The Protocols were given to the world in the Russian language in 1905. The publisher, Sergyei Nilus, claimed that a woman stole the documents from the archives of the organization, in France, and delivered them to him. A copy made its way into the British Museum. Mr. Victor E. Marsden of the *London Morning Post*, a master linguist, who for several years

represented his newspaper in Russia, translated them into English.

We are told: "This work (of translation) was carried out at the cost of Marsden's own life's blood. He could not stand more than an hour at a time of his work on it in the British Museum, as the diabolical spirit of the matter which he was turning into English made him positively ill. He was special correspondent of the *Post* in the suite of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, on his empire tour. From this he returned with the Prince apparently in much better health, but within a few days of his landing he was taken seriously ill, and died after a very brief illness."

Because the Jews are dispersed, their powerful leaders are able to keep in touch with what goes on in all parts of the world. You hear them speak often of "the gift of dispersion". *The Protocols indicate that it is the strategy of the secret leaders to use different methods in different nations. Thus, in Italy, England and the United States, where the nations are friendly, they would use entirely different tactics than they did in Russia where the Czar's government had always persecuted them.*

The documents explain that the great masses of Jewish people are as ignorant of the existence of the organization at the top, as the Gentiles themselves.

It cannot be denied that *The Protocols* played an important part in the Russian revolution. They contain all the root principles of Communism. When the Reds came into power, it became a crime punishable by death, to own a copy of the book. *The Protocols* say that while the secret leaders do not believe in the atheistic doctrines of Communism, it serves as a very useful tool for destroying governments where other methods will not suffice.

Communism has always been fathered and directed by such Jews as Marx, Engels, Trotsky, Tchicherin and Litvinov. So far as known, Stalin is not a Jew. But there is a circle of Jews around him. He is a "Gentile front". It is well known that a large majority of the Soviet leaders and the editors of the Red newspapers, are apostate Jews.

The evidence increases when it becomes known that a certain international Jewish banking concern supplied Trotsky with the money that he and Lenin used in financing the Russian revolution. The officials of this company speak of Communistic revolutions as being mere *Liberal movements.* Revenge must have been sweet when the Russian Empire crumbled. The Czar and the royal family were butchered. No nation had so persecuted the Jews as Russia.

But how does Machiavelli's doctrine enter into these matters? His philosophy is exactly like *The Protocols. The Prince* may well be called the *Fifteenth Century Protocols.* Starting with Machiavelli, there have been, what appears to be three editions of *The Protocols*: (1) *The Prince,* (2) *Joli Publications* of 1865, *and* (3) *the Nilus documents.* Each deals with forces which have to do with creating universal disorders. *Liberalism,* for the purpose of prying governments loose at their foundations, is the keynote of each.

The lecturer says in *The Protocols*: "When we introduced into the State organism the poison of Liberalism its whole political complexion underwent a change. States have been seized with a mortal illness—blood-poisoning. All that remains is to await the end of their death agony. . . Political freedom is an idea but not a fact. This idea one must know how to apply whenever it appears necessary *with this bait of an idea to attract the masses of the people to one's party for the purpose of crushing another who is in authority.* This task is rendered easier if the opponent has himself been infected with the idea of freedom, so-called Liberalism, and, for the sake of an idea, is willing to yield some of his power. It is precisely here that the triumph of our theory appears, the slackened reins of government are immediately, by the law of life, caught up and gathered together by a new hand, because the blind might of the nation cannot for one single day exist without guidance, and the new authority fits into the place of the old already weakened by Liberalism."

It may be remarked parenthetically that the United

States has recently installed a President whose election was a triumph for Liberalism. Now, read again the fifth sentence in the above quotation. As soon as Mr. Roosevelt was elected, he said these words: "*We are about to enter upon a new period of Liberalism and of sane reform in the United States,* and we shall require unity of purpose, if not of opinion, if we are to achieve permanent and practical results."

If these suspicions are grounded in truth, it is not difficult to see in which direction the leading nations are drifting. The movements of current history seem to confirm what the prophecies indicate, namely, that prior to the Second Coming of Christ the Jewish nation will emerge holding the position of dominant power.

Mussolini's enthusiastic attitude toward *The Prince* is cause for grave suspicion. In the act of praising Machiavelli, he may have been serving notice upon the Jews that they had nothing to fear at his hands. He may have been telling them that it would be his purpose to cooperate with their international program. Certainly, Jews the world over, regard him as being one of the best friends they have among the leaders of the world.

There is something that binds Benito Mussolini to Jewry. What is it?

Few men in public life are able to acquire permanent popularity if they are known to be unfriendly to the Jews. Notice how often politicians court Jewish friendship by the use of flattering public utterances.

It is said that certain Jews hold a mortgage on the nations. This being true, their power is certain to be felt in whatever direction the leaders invest their energies. Could Mussolini's enduring popularity be due, at least in a great measure, to this cause?

Hear his biographer once more as she describes the early adventures of Mussolini into philosophy: "It was a singular life that led, father and son, at this period, with its contrast between their occupations during the day and at night: the day with its ordinary country-inn business, with its locked doors and bolted windows, father and son

sitting by the kitchen fire-place, with the lighted lamp upon the table, a while first one, then the other, read aloud from *a book. What book?* No other than the famous masterpiece of *Niccolo Machiavelli.*"

Then later, in May 1924, after he has become the head of the Italian State, we find him saying in his address at the University of Bologna: "I have re-read attentively *The Prince* and the rest of the works of the great *Segretario* but I have had neither the time nor the wish to read all that has been written about Machiavelli in Italy and in the rest of the world. I have wished to place the fewest possible intermediaries, old or new, Italian or foreign, between Machiavelli and myself, so as not to spoil the direct contact between his doctrine and my life as I have lived it, between his observations and mine of men and things, between his method of government and mine. What I have the honour of reading to you, therefore, is no frigid scholastic dissertation, full of citations from others; it is rather in the nature of a dramatic piece if, as I believe, we may regard as dramatic the attempt to throw a spiritual bridge across the abyss of the generations and of the world's events.

"I may be asked what there is still living in *The Prince* after these four centuries; whether the counsels given by Machiavelli could conceivably be of any use to the rulers of modern States; whether the values of the political system of *The Prince* was restricted to the period in which the book was written and, therefore, limited in its application and, in part, outworn; or whether, on the contrary, it be universal and applicable today. My thesis embodies a reply to these questions. I affirm that the doctrine of Machiavelli is more living today than it was four centuries ago, because, if the external aspects of our life are greatly changed, no profound modifications are perceptible in the merits of individuals or of races.

"If politics consist in the art of governing men, that is of directing, utilizing and training their passions, in their egoisms, in their interests, in view of the objects of a general order which almost always transcend the

individual life because they project themselves into the future—if politics consist in this, there is no doubt that the basic element in this art is man. There we have our starting point. What are men in the political system of Machiavelli? What does Machiavelli think of men? . . . Is he an optimist or a pessimist?

"Men, according to Machiavelli, are sorrowful beings, more taken up with things than with their own flesh and blood, and quick to change their feelings and their passions. In Chapter XVII of *The Prince,* Machiavelli thus expresses himself:

"'Men have less respect to offer to a man who makes himself loved than to one who makes himself feared, because love is held by a chain of an obligation which, because men are of poor stuff, they will break away from as soon as occasion offers; but fear is held by a dread of punishment which is never lost'. . .

"The *'people'* was never defined. It was merely an abstract entity as a political entity. One does not know where exactly it begins or where it ends. The adjective of 'sovereign' as applied to 'the people' is a tragic burlesque. The entire people, at the most, *delegates* sovereignty, but it certainly cannot *exercise* sovereignty. Representative systems belong more to the machinery of politics than to ethics. Even in the lands where this political machinery has been in greatest use for centuries and centuries, there come solemn moments when no appeal is made any longer to the people because it is felt that the reply would be disastrous: the cardboard crowns of sovereignty which have served their purpose in normal times are torn off and it is decided forthwith to acquiesce in a revolution or to make a peace or to go forward into the unknown of a war. . . Long before my once famous article *Forzo e Consenso* (Force and Common Consent) Machiavelli wrote in *The Prince* (Chapter VI): 'From which it comes about that all the armed prophets conquer and the unarmed are lost. Because the nature of the people is variable and it is easy to convince them of a thing but it is difficult to maintain them in that conviction. And, therefore, it is desirable so to order things that when they have ceased to believe, it

may be possible to make them believe by force. Moses, Cyrus, Theseus, Romulus, would not have been able to maintain their Constitutions for long had they been disarmed.'"

The foregoing abbreviated extract from Mussolini's thesis is sufficient to show that he has built his political philosophy largely upon a Machiavellian foundation. A careful reading will show his utter contempt for democracy. He once expressed himself in these words: "Liberty is no longer a chaste severe maiden for whom generations in the first half of the last century fought and died. Fascism. . . . has already passed over the more or less decomposed body of the goddess of Liberty, and is quite prepared, if necessary, to do so once more."

His dictatorship is simply the ripened fruit of the Machiavelli's theories. If it is true that *The Prince* can be called the *Fifteenth Century Protocols*, then it is easy to see to what extent the alleged Jewish program is influencing Europe.

As previously indicated, Daniel seems to indicate that out of the old Roman Empire there will arise a powerful Superman whom the Jews will finally foist upon the world, at the proper time, as their Messiah. He will be the Antichrist. Concerning his coming, Jesus said to the Jews of His day: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if *another shall come in his own name*, him ye will receive." It may turn out that the "King of the South" and Antichrist will be one and the same.

Paul said: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that *Man of Sin* be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

The Apostle then refers to the departure of the Holy Spirit from the world, which means that all over the world restraint will be lifted from human depravity. At that time the Antichrist will be revealed. "For the

mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall *that Wicked* be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

JUDAS INCARNATED

The Antichrist may be the spirit of Judas incarnated. There was something mysterious about this vicious man who betrayed the Lord for thirty pieces of silver. Concerning his departure, Peter said: "Judas by transgression fell, that he might go *to his own place*". Jesus said: "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you *is* a devil."

In his prayer of intercession, Jesus said: "Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but *the son of perdition;* that the scriptures might be fulfilled." And Paul calls the Antichrist "*the son of perdition*", the very phrase that Jesus used in designating Judas. John the Revelator left the following record regarding the final end of the Antichrist: "The beast which thou sawest, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go *into perdition.*"

No matter the demonism of the Beast, he will appear to be a charming creature to the world. The daily press will dramatize him as "a Superman", and "the Genius of the age." He will be the most talked of, the most loved, feared and hated being in flesh. "And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

MUSSOLINI AND THE WITCH

It is not generally known that Mussolini was tutored in demonism when a young man. His teacher was an old witch by the name of *Giovanna.* Signora Sarfatti even

calls him a "soothsayer" in one place in her book, and tells of his ability in the mystic art of fortune-telling. She is frank to admit that this strange witch had a lasting influence upon his life. It is evident that the superhuman atmosphere of glamour and mystery that constantly surrounds him, is directly due to the play of these invisible forces upon his personality.

On page 205 of his autobiography Mussolini says: "In every hour of my life, it is the spiritual element which leads me on."

But let Signora Sarfatti tell us about the old witch *Giovanna*: "Dovia and its neighborhood boasted many such human oddities, and one among them, in particular, exerted a marked influence over the mind of young Benito Mussolini.

"This was a mysterious old woman known as *'la vecchia Giovanna.'*

"She had been beautiful in her youth and the heroine of some passionate love-affairs. She had been married three times and according to public gossip she got rid mysteriously of all her three husbands. The sudden end of the second of them had presented a dark riddle which had never been solved. His predecessor had been found dead one cold autumnal morning, his limbs entangled in the branches of a mulberry tree, not far from the entrance to his house. Ever afterwards, not children only but grown-up people also, had fought shy of the rustling leaves of this tree, especially in the dark.

"Benito was in constant attendance on old *Giovanna*, whose strange imperious ways had a fascination for him, not wholly devoid, perhaps of alarm. And she, for her part, recognizing that he was an exceptional boy, perhaps even foreseeing for him a great destiny, favoured him. She passed for a witch throughout the whole district and women came to her from all around to buy charms and love-philtres and quack medicines of various kinds. She taught Benito some of her magic lore. Even today Mussolini has strange things to say about the moon, the influence of its cold light upon men and affairs

and the danger of letting its rays shine on your face when you are sleeping; and he is an adept in interpreting dreams and omens and in telling fortunes by cards. He can explain too why oxen allow themselves to be led by women and why the front paws of a hare are so short, and can throw light upon many other such mysteries. *'My blood tells me,' 'I must listen to my blood,'* are phrases sometimes used by this statesman-gladiator, so rational normally in coping with the urgent questions which confront him. *'It is no good!'* he will add: *'I am like the animals. I feel when things are going to happen—some instinct warns me and I am obliged to follow it.'"*

In announcing the coming of Antichrist, Paul says: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that is God. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

In the introduction of Emil Ludwig's book, "Talks with Mussolini", the following statement catches the eye: "He had been a disciple of Nietzsche, had been an anarchist and a revolutionist. Would his demon continue to impel him along the path entered in youth? On the other hand, having risen to power, would it be his main object to consolidate that power for personal ends?"

Ludwig reproduces the following conversation with the Dictator: "I suppose, then, that you are both led and disturbed by premonitions". "Yes, led—and troubled as well. They are subsconscious in origin, these feelings, both bodily and mental. The March on Rome was unquestionably an inspiration of that sort. . . .

"On October 31, 1926, when I was in Bologna, the

spiritual atmosphere seemed to me so oppressive that throughout the day I was anticipating disaster. In the evening there was an attempt on my life. . I am a thorough-going fatalist."

Declaring himself to be superstitious, Mussolini once had a mummy removed from his office when an acquaintance died. The mummy had been presented to him by admirers from Egypt. He regarded the death of his friend as an act of revenge taken by "unseen powers" who were angry because he harbored the mummy on his premises.

Astrology and magic invariably go together. Mussolini is an astrologer. He is well acquainted with his horoscope and therefore thinks he knows the days on which he should perform certain tasks, in order to be guided by what he regards as the proper conjunction of the planets.

He discusses the date of his birth, July 29, 1883 as follows: "I was born on a Sunday, at two o'clock in the afternoon. . the sun had entered within the constellation of Leo eight days before."

Rest assured that his decision to explode civilization by hurling the nations into the inferno of another world war, is based upon his interpretation of the astrological, occult, and magical sciences. He is a black magician! This fact reveals the secret of his power. He is, beyond doubt, in league with Satan!

The world started reckoning time, nineteen hundred years ago, with the birth of Christ.

Mussolini began reckoning time with the birth of Rome's Fascist government.

He dates his letters accordingly and conducts all official business in the same manner. Unwilling to grant Christ the honor of starting the present era, he has arranged his own calendar.

Italians enjoy calling attention to the epoch-making pronouncement which he made on the first New Year's day of Fascism in 1932 when an immense shooting-star,

almost comet-like, suddenly shot across the heavens at dusk, thus illuminating the skies above Mussolini's head as he traveled along Rome's historic Appian Way. His followers attach importance to this as being a supernatural event.

SEVENTY "WEEKS"

There remains one more feature to be considered. It is the time element; the number of years that the reign of the Antichrist will continue after the apostate and designing Jews have unveiled him as their leader.

Daniel wrote: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city. . . . to anoint the most holy."

The word "Weeks" does not appear in the original text which speaks only of a series of *seventy sevens.* But there can be no doubt that the meaning is really "weeks of years" and the interpretation is a year to a day. Seven days in a week, times seventy weeks, makes four hundred ninety years that God was to deal with the Jews in special providences during "the times of the gentiles" before the establishment of His permanent Kingdom upon the earth.

But God's dealings during the four hundred ninety years were not to be continuous. Divisions were announced. The four hundred ninety years were divided into three sections.

First:—A period of seven sevens, or forty-nine years, which was the allotted time until Jerusalem should be rebuilt "in troublous times". This prophecy was fulfilled exactly as recorded by Ezra and Nehemiah.

Second:—A period of sixty-two sevens, or four hundred thirty-four years, which was the designated time until Messiah should be "cut off." Prophetic students generally agree that this came to pass when Jesus hung on the cross. It was fulfilled that "Messiah (shall) be cut off."

Third:—Thus there remains one week, the seventieth week of Daniel, the last seven years of the age, to

be fulfilled. A period was announced to intervene between the sixty-ninth and seventieth week, in these words, "unto the end". During the seventieth week, God's special dealings with Israel will be continued. The period of seventy sevens or four hundred ninety years will be taken up again when "he shall confirm a covenant for one week" and Palestine will be returned to the Jews.

In other words, Antichrist's reign is to begin with the making of the "covenant" between himself and the Jews, and it will continue seven years. Daniel 9:27: "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

After three-and-one-half years, he will turn against the Jews for the most unspeakable pogrom in the history of the world.

Nature will be in convulsions. The world will be in turmoil. Armageddon will be in progress.

Then shall the King of Kings return.

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